

I don't see anything wrong with XM offering channels for traffic and weather. I keep hearing about how XM is violating the rules by offering the channels over terrestrial repeaters. The channels are not offered only in the region to which they pertain, they are offered nationwide. It seems to me as if the NAB is confused about that. In other words, it seems to me as if the NAB is trying to get the FCC to force XM to remove their channels because of a false claim. I don't live in any of the major markets where they traffic and weather is offered, but I still find myself listening to some of the channels. It's nice sometimes to find out what the traffic or weather is in Los Angeles or New York, when I live here in Illinois. I can't do that with AM or FM radio.

Another thing is that the traffic and weather is much much much more detailed on XM than terrestrial radio. I think if I lived in an area that carried traffic, I would probably listen to XM over terrestrial radio because of the content of the broadcast.

The NAB knows that XM is better and they are just scared because they know people who subscribe to XM think that XM traffic & weather channels are better than terrestrial radio.

That's my 2 cents. Even though the traffic & weather channels count as only about 1% of my XM listening, I urge you strongly to rule in favor of XM!!

Thank You,
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